

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. **(currently amended)** An apparatus for taking out a contact lens from its keeping or disinfecting container without touching the contact lens with fingers, characterized by that it comprises:

a handle portion which can be gripped by fingers,

a connection portion formed in unity with said handle portion, and

a contact lens attaching portion having a hemisphere-like shape in which its upper face is concave and its bottom face is convex, said attaching portion ~~[[and]]~~ having a through hole formed therethrough by cutting out the center of the hemisphere ~~in a circle~~ so that a contact lens can be attached thereon, said attaching portion having an open portion formed in a side of the hemisphere that has a hole formed therethrough, and wherein said contact lens attaching portion is attached to the concave face of said contact lens to take out the contact lens from said keeping or disinfecting container.

2. **(canceled)**

3. **(canceled)**